

REMARKS

Within the Office Action, claims 1-23 are subject to a restriction requirement under 35 U.S.C. § 121. Specifically, it is stated that the Applicant must elect to prosecute either the invention in Group I, which includes claims 1-3, 14, and 21-23, or the invention in Group II, which includes claims 4-13 and 15-20.

The Applicant elects to prosecute the invention in Group I without traverse. Accordingly, by way of the above amendments, claims 4-13 and 15-20 have been withdrawn. Claims 1-3, 14, and 21-23 are now pending.

Also, Claim 21 is amended to depend from the method Claim 14. Claims 22 and 23, which depend from Claim 21, are also amended to indicate that these are now dependent method claims. Finally, punctuation and grammar is corrected in Claim 23.

If the Examiner has any questions or comments, he is encouraged to call the undersigned at (408) 530-9700 so that any outstanding issues can be expeditiously resolved.

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